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1. A course for divers was held (in the afternoons only) at the Divers Base at Oksywie. The average number of students on the course was about 40, and included enlisted men from motor torpedo boats, coastal patrol boats, mine-sweepers, ORP BLYSKAWICA and submarines. The training was given, at first, in a special basin and later in the sea. Diving depth was not more than 14 meters. 25X1
2. The following training equipment was used:
 - a. Salvus A.N.S. apparatus (English).
 - b. The winter outfit consisted of a rubber suit in one piece with a front opening for putting it on. 25X1
 - c. In summer only a nose clip, mouthpiece, and goggles were worn.
 - d. Fire equipment: a face mask with goggles and mouthpiece and a hood covering the head.
 - e. In all cases a so-called Pluca (a kind of rubber bag) was worn round the neck.
 - f. Bottle of oxygen, 120 atmospheres with 170 liters of air, sufficient for 45 minutes under water. The bottle has a small reducing valve and an absorber with soda and potassium grains to counteract the carbon dioxide. The bottle is connected to the absorber by two tubes, one for inhaling and the other for exhaling. Breathing is done through the mouth.
 - g. Brass-soled boots are worn in winter and lead-soled canvas shoes in summer.
 - h. A belt with lead weights is worn and a lead plate on the right side balances the weight of the oxygen bottle on the left side. A diver's knife of English make (German) completes the equipment.

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3. The following underwater exercises were conducted:

- a. Cutting through steel cables and hauling them in.
- b. Unscrewing screws.
- c. Hammering nails into wood as an exercise in the use of a hammer.
- d. Sawing iron.

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